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Mr. Charles A. Briggs, Director
Office of Legislative Liaison
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to review certain regulations implementing section 15 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949. We also appreciate the Agency's incorporation of several of our suggestions into the final version of these regulations.

As you know, section 15 of the CIA Act was enacted by section 401 of the fiscal year 1985 Intelligence Authorization Act. In the explanation accompanying the final version of that Act (which was intended to serve in lieu of a conference report -- see Senator Chafee's statement in the Congressional Record of October 11, 1984) the intelligence committees noted their expectation that "the Director of Central Intelligence will submit any regulations he may adopt pursuant to section 401 to the intelligence committees at least 30 days before they are intended to become effective."

The regulations which we recently reviewed are the rules and regulations to be enforced by Agency personnel performing the same functions as special policemen of the General Services Administration, as authorized by the last clause in new subsection 15(a) of the CIA Act. To the best of my knowledge, however, the Committee has not received any new regulations, implementing directives or other material related to the establishment or functioning of the "Security Protective Service of the Central Intelligence Agency," the organization that apparently has been created pursuant to the authority granted by the first part of subsection 15(a).

I would ask, therefore, that you determine whether any such regulations or other material exists or is contemplated with respect to the "Security Protective Service" and that you ensure that such materials are made available to the Committee in conformance with its expectation regarding implementation of section 15.

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Chuck, the intelligence committees took care to include in the explanation accompanying section 401 of the Authorization Act reassurance that new section 15 of the CIA Act was not meant in any way to detract from the fundamental thrust of the National Security Act's proviso prohibiting CIA's exercise of internal security functions. I believe it is important for the Agency to be able to demonstrate that the intelligence committees have been consulted concerning the establishment and operation of the "Security Protective Service," as envisaged when section 15 of the CIA Act was enacted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. M. Chase", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary M. Chase
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